

## CITY OF HOUSTON NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION PACKET

Please note: The information contained in this packet is for general informative purposes. Individuals seeking to have their names placed on the ballot should consult with their private attorney to ensure compliance with all aspects of state and local law.

**The City Attorney's Office does not provide legal advice to candidates.**

### HELPFUL CONTACTS

Texas Secretary of State, Elections Division  
(512) 463-5650/1-800-252-8683  
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>

Texas Ethics Commission  
(512) 463-5800  
<http://www.ethics.state.tx.us>

### HELPFUL INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

- Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Ethics (Art. I), Financial Disclosure (Art. III), Limitations on Solicitation and Contributions (Art. IV), and Lobbying (Art. V) is available on the City Website at <http://www.houstontx.gov/codes/> or from the Office of the City Secretary, Public Level, 900 Bagby, for a charge of 10 cents per page.
- The Personal Financial Disclosure form is also available at the Texas Ethics Commission website at <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us>
- Filing Fee: Cash, cashier's or certified check payable to the City of Houston. **No personal checks or money orders accepted. Filing fees are non-refundable.** (See City Charter, Art. V, Sec. 6.)

Position	Fee (Houston City Charter, Article V)
Mayor	\$1250.00
Controller	\$750.00
Council Member	\$500.00

- Petition in lieu of a filing fee (Sec. 2-3, Houston Code of Ordinances and §143.005, Texas Election Code)

### HELPFUL DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, July 27, 2015	<b>Earliest date</b> to file an application for a place on the November 3, 2015 General Election ballot in the Mayor's Office (Texas Election Code)
Monday, August 24, 2015, 5 p.m.	<b>Last day</b> to file an application for a place on the November 3, 2015 General Election ballot in the Mayor's Office (Texas Election Code)  <b>Last day</b> to file declaration of write-in candidacy on the November 3, 2015 General Election Ballot in the Mayor's Office (Texas Election Code)
November 3, 2015	Election Day (Texas Election Code)